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SUBJECT: MANDELA AFTERMATH: ANOTHER SUBPOENA SERVED

REF: PRETORIA 2157

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MRS. ILLONA KLEINSCHMIDT, ACQUITTED ON APRIL 13 FOR REFUSING TO TESTIFY AT THE TRIAL OF WINNIE MANDELA, HAS GAIN BEEN SUBPOENAED TO ANSWER THE SAME SET OF QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO A CONVERSATION SHE HAD WITH THE EXILED AND BANNED WINNIE MANDELA IN BRANDFORT, ORANGE FREE STATE. KLEINSCHMIDT RECEIVED THE NEW SUBPOENA ON APRIL 20 AND IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT THE BLOEMFONTEIN MAGISTRATE'S COURT ON MAY 12. HER APPEARANCE IS ALLEGEDLY UNDER SECTION 205 (AND 189) OF THE NEW CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT WHICH PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF TWO YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES "TO GIVE MATERIAL OR RELEVANT INFORMATION AS TO ANY ALLEGED
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2. OF THE THREE OTHER WOMEN WHO VISITED MANDELA AS REPORTED IN REFTL, HELEN JOSEPH (73) BEGAN SERVING HER TWO WEEK SENTENCE ON APRIL 17, AND BARBARA WAITE IS STILL OUT ON BAIL PENDING AN APPEAL OF HER TWO MONTH SENTENCE.

3. KLEINSCHMIDT'S EMPLOYER, SHUN CHETTY, TOLD EMBOFF ON APRIL 24 THAT HE EXPECTS THE SAG TO SUBPOENA ALL FOUR WOMEN AGAIN TO TRY AND HAVE THEM ANSWER THE SAME QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR CONVERSATION WITH WINNIE MANDELA. CHETTY SAID EACH REFUSAL TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE WHICH MEANS THAT EVEN MRS. JOSEPH MAY BE AGAIN IMPRISONED BY THE STATE.

4. COMMENT: THE STATE IS HAVING AN INCREASING AMOUNT OF DIFFICULTY IN GETTING WITNESSES TO TESTIFY IN POLITICAL TRIALS. NEW SAG ACTION AGAINST THE FOUR FOR REFUSING TO IMPLICATE MANDELA IN ANY CRIME MAY REFLECT EITHER PRETORIA'S DESIRE TO ABORT SENSE OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN THE FEW ACTIVIST WHITES AND THE BLACK CAUSE AND/OR REPRESENT A FISHING EXPEDITION IN ORDER TO AGAIN PROSECUTE WINNIE MANDELA. (MANDELA WAS ALREADY FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING HER BANNING ORDER AND GIVEN A SUSPENDED SENTENCE.)
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